June, 1998. The second location is to be readvertised shortly. No LPG distributorship is to be advertised for Kurebhar, Distt. Sultanpur (UP).

(b) Selection of dealership/ distributorships advertised by the oil companies could not take place due to non-functioning of the Dealer Selection Board on account of various factors including General Elections, reconstitution of Dealer Selection Boards, etc.

(c) to (e) Nine Dealer Selection Boards have since been constituted in Uttar Pradesh. A large number of locations have been advertised and large number of applications have been received. The application are being scrutinised and the interviews for the same are to be held in a phased manner. The concerned Dealer Selection Board has not yet finalised the date for interview for dealership advertised for Kurebhar, Distt. Sultanpur. (UP).

Deployment of central forces in North-East

*360. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be please to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in deployment of Central forces in North-East Sector due to increase in insurgency activities;

(b) if so, the detials thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to contain the insurgency activities in the region, especially in Assam and Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The Central Para Military Forces are made available to the State Governments, on their request, to assist them to maintain public order. The levels of deployment in any State depend upon the overall security scenario and the availability of these forces. Accordingly Central Para Military Forces have been made available to North Eastern States also. It is not in public interest to indicate the details of these forces and their levels of deployment.

(c) The Steps taken to curb insurgency in North East include, *inter-alia,* deployment of Central Para Military Forces and the Army, improved coordination and sharing of intelligence modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces, declaration of the most seriously affected areas as disturbed areas and notification of the major insurgent groups as unlawful associations. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Restriction on dumping of Chinese metallurgical coke

2636. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a communication from the Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) seeking restrictions on dumping of Chinese metallurgical coke for the survival of the domestic coal sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto and action taken/proposed in this regard to protect the interest of domestic Coal Sector; and

(d) the details regarding import of metallurgical coke imported during the last two years and proposed during the current year and implications thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Communications have been received from M/s. Bharat Coking Coal Limited about dumping of chinese coke.

(c) The dumping of Chinese coke into the country was examined by the designated authority in the Ministry of Commerce. After hearing the affected